

AMUSEMENTS
AND SPORT
THEATRES

MACK'S MERRY MAKERS HAVE
GOOD MUSICAL NOVELTY
SHOW AT 8 P. M.

Mack's Merry Makers have a good musical show full of novelty and originality, at the Booker Washington Theatre this week. A jazz band consisting of Johnnie King, pianist; Frank Chapman, cornet; and Will "Tootman" Richardson, drummer, helps to provide the novelty. This band is on the stage and accompanies all the musical numbers. Billie Mack as "The Kidder" is the feature. The features are all full of pep. They include "Strut Miss Little" by Wynn, Mary Mack and the girls; "The Jazz Bo-Bo" illustrated with Miss Mack as the drum major; "Antony and Cleopatra" by Billy Mack with the jazz band; a recitation "Life Is But a Game of Chance"; a humorous comedy "Crack Blue" for one of the Macks; "Crazy Blues" Miss Mack; an invalid eccentric by Krastus Buchner; a song of "Mystery" with "The Devil's Jazz" by the company and other good chorus and dance numbers.

Double Bill Next Week
Mack's Merry Makers will present a double bill at the Booker Washington next week. The first will be "Female Minstrel" and the second will be "Lightning Change Artist". A deceptive musical comedy. The bill promises to be full of amusement and surprises. The third installment of "Sunshine Sambo" will be presented this Saturday Sunday and Monday.

AT THE MOVIES

"SUNSET JONES" AND "LYING LIPS" ARE COMET FEATURES

The Comet Theatre will present "Sunset Jones" this Sunday. It is a story of Western life with a unique element of humor emotion and an underlying romance. On Thursday, this theatre will offer the huge drama, "Lying Lips". It is heralded by film critics as an unparalleled achievement. One of the scenes was taken from a big passenger vessel at sea.

Hundreds of panic-stricken "passengers" fighting ferociously for places in life boats while ships officers with loaded revolvers guarantee the unwilling law of the sea; women and children first, comprise one of the most spectacular scenes.

On Tuesday, April 12, The Comet will give a Benefit Matinee for St. Paul Conference Chain Club. It is a program that day will include "The Blushing Bride" (Hoot Gibson) "The Purple Riders" (Joe Ryan) and "The Mystery Mind" serial.

"ATONEMENT" DELAYED WILL BE AT STAR THIS SATURDAY

The big feature "Atonement" which was to have been shown at the Star Theatre last Saturday, did not arrive on time and was postponed to the patrons this Saturday. On Sunday, The Star will present Hoot Gibson in "The Purple Riders". It is a strong and vital story—the sort of story in which motion picture devotees like this splendid "man" actor best. It fits the rugged personality of the man as all stories should fit the star appearing in them—and seldom do.

On Thursday, "The Highest Law" will be the feature. It is a wonderful characterization of Abraham Lincoln. The story relates one of the well known episodes in the career of Lincoln where his biographer of Lincoln year, old laid from the firing squad who were about to have him shot for desertion.

"THE VIRGIN OF STAMBOUL" AT THE MOVIE

"The Virgin of Stamboul" will be featured at the Movie Theatre this Saturday. Wild as an Arabian steed, quick as a leopard, unconquerable as the burning desert, but with natural instincts that preserve her undetected and the perils of her surroundings. (That is Sari, the beautiful dancing girl of Stamboul. She is the center for a continuing round never-to-be-forgotten thrills. Priscilla Dean is the star.

"THE TRUANT HUSBAND" AT THE JEST-A-MERE

"A Truant Husband" a devoted wife, and a beautiful young widow. That is the fascinating story upon which the sparkling comedy, "The Truant Husband" is based. This is a comedy which will be featured at the Jest-a-Mere Theatre this Sunday and Monday. They thought it was a dead one, but it wasn't. Oh no! far from it. But they decided to throw it away, because that was throwing away a gem. On Wednesday and Thursday, "The Truant Husband" will be the feature. It is a suspense-filled story of love and hate—and revenge that waits through long years until it is time to strike—a climax of the line that reaches every human heart.

"WOMAN'S MAN" AT CASINO

Romantic Fiddling in "Woman's Man" will be the Casino feature this Sunday. It is an exciting but clean story that will travel around Arizona and West into New York Society. On Wednesday, this theatre will offer the big screen comedy "The Truant Husband" on Thursday, "The Jest-A-Mere" this latter is a rollicking story of college students with clever incidents and an exciting football game.

"HIS OWN LAW" AT OLYMPIA

Robert Barrows in "His Own Law" will be Sunday's attraction at the Olympia Theatre. It is the story of a modern knight who saves his life to get over his own law. The

BOOKER WASHINGTON

23rd and Market Streets.

THIS SATURDAY-SUNDAY-MONDAY, APRIL 9-10-11
"Sunshine Sambo" Comedy

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COMET

Extraordinary Engagement
THURSDAY
APRIL 14

Happiness, Sorrow, Success, Failure—even the tolerance or intolerance of a Nation itself—bow before the light that lies in woman's eyes, and lies, and lies, and lies.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
Charles Clay in
"Sunset Jones"

A Screen Epic of the West
Strong story with Thrills and Tension, wholesale and retail

A Western drama with a strong intellectual force back of the gun, therefore a drama which will appeal to all kinds of people.

—ALSO—
"VERSE FOR WORSE"

A Two Part Sunshiner Comedy
FBA NEWS and M. T. & JEFF

THOMAS H. INCE'S
MASTERDRAMA OF THE
WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Monday, April 11

Jack Gardner in the
THRILLING WESTERN DRAMA

"Men of the Desert"

IN FIVE PARTS

WILLIAM DUNCAN
in the Eighth Episode of
"FIGHTING FATE"

and
COMEDIES

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They Haunt Your Soul! They Wreck Your Home! They Steal Your Husband! SEE THIS MASTER DRAMA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Ellen Percy
in William Fox's Comedy Drama

"The Blushing Bride"

also HOOT GIBSON in
The Western Drama of Human Appeal

"The Cactus Kid"

And 3th Episode of
"THE MYSTERY MIND"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

William Russell
in the Daring, Bare-Fist
Fighting Drama of the Open

"Bare Knuckles"

A GREAT DRAMA OF
THE NORTHWEST—ALSO
JOE RYAN
in the 5th Episode of
"THE PURPLE RIDERS"

—AND—
"SUNSHINE SAMBO"
COMEDY

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

LYING LIPS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Ruth Roland
in the First Episode of Pathé's
Newest Western Indian Serial

"The Avenging Arrow"

—ALSO—
"CHICKENS"

The Famous Paramount Picture
and 14th Episode of
"VELVET FINGERS"

SATURDAY APRIL 16—ANTONIO MORENO in the Sensational Vitagraph Special,—"777" A Master Drama of Life's Closed Doors.

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This SUNDAY, APR. 10

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PRISCILLA DEAN in
A Jewel De Luxe

"The Virgin of Stamboul"

A PHOTO MASTERPIECE
in 7 Reels
also SUNSHINE COMEDY
and FOX NEWS

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Pearl White in
Her Best Picture of the Year
"The Mountain Woman"

also "THE PURPLE RIDERS" and
Fray Comedy, and Mutt & Jeff

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Shirley Mason in a Fox
Special "Flame of Youth"

Also 12th Episode of
"VELVET FINGERS"
and Comedies

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

"The Flame of Hellgate"

A Mighty Picture of the Outlaw
Country—also
TWO PART COMEDY
and FOX NEWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

"A GAMBLE IN SOULS"

With WILLIAM DUNCAN and
An All Star Cast
also 7th Episode of
"FIGHTING FATE"

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

"THE RANGE BOSS"

A WESTERN THRILLER OF THE
TEXAS-MEXICAN BORDER
also "PANTOMIM" and
Comedies

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

First Episode of "THE
WHITE HORSEMAN"

Art Acord in a Western Serial
Also "THE MYSTERY MIND" and
Franklin Farnum in
"THE COWBOY AND THE RAJAH"

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EXTRAORDINARY - THIS SUNDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Bessie Barricade in
"Life's Twist"

A Strange Story of a Young Society
Man who discovered his love for his
wife through his association with a
"show dancer".

Life is full of Peculiar Twists. But
this was one of the strangest.

Also 2nd Episode of
ART ACORD in
"THE WHITE HORSEMAN"

and TWO PART COMEDY

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Viola Dana in
"Cinderella's Twin"

The fascinating story is about a 21
the scutlery maid who has day dreams
and is suddenly whisked into a wealthy
home where she can see her Prince
Charming at close range. She is
made use of by crooks to steal the
jewels, but is the means of turning
the tables.

"DOUBLE ADVENTURE"

COMEDY—and—PICTOGRAPH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

DOUBLE PROGRAM

"The Mysterious
Mr. Browning"

A Startling Photodramatic Sensation
A picture of the underworld that is
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of thrills and mystery, which really
unfolds a story taken from real life.

—ALSO—
WILLIAM S. HART
in a FIVE PART WESTERN

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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GRACE DAVISON

The Loveliest Woman On The Screen
and CONWAY TEARLE

—in—
"Atonement"

A Story of a Woman who forgave,
but could not forget. The story of
a man who was tempted, who thought
that he had reached the depths of
despair, but found that a second
chance had been given him and de-
voted his life to righting the wrong
he had never committed.

Also 5th Episode of
"DIAMOND QUEEN"

2 Part Comedy and Others

HOBART BOSWORTH in

"The Brute Master"

A Mighty Sweeping Romance of Love and Adventure
Laid In The South Seas.

ALSO Two Part Century Comedy
"BUNCH OF KISSES"

"VODAVIL IN MOVIES" and "MUTT & JEFF"

SPECIAL FEATURE ATTRACTION

Ralph Ince in

"The Highest Law"

An Enthralling Drama of Heart Throbs and Sympathy.
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this great picture.

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THE LAW OF THE LAND
THE LAW OF THE HEART
THE LAW OF NATURE?
ALSO—COMEDY, WEEKLY and OTHERS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

"Soul and Body"

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Gladya Walton in
"Risky Business"

The story of a sheltered young
"dancer" who unwittingly gets ac-
quainted to a modern society
ruffian; how her trust in his honor
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The New Mayor of St. Louis

Wednesday morning found us with a new mayor, the Hon. Henry W. Kiel, elected the third time. Despite the combined efforts of three leading daily papers that bitterly fought the mayor he won by over 9000 plurality.

It had been predicted that the Negro vote was the mayor's salvation in this election, and that statement proved to be true. The mayor's opponent used much capital of the statement that seven thousand job-holders were under the mayor, who were fearful of their jobs if he was defeated. Governor Hyle said the Republican Party in the State was in danger, if Kiel was defeated. Senator Spencer, with a message from President Warren G. Harding, told us of the danger to the Nation should Kiel be defeated at this time. Yet, in the face of these statements, there were those, who in the past have been "good" Republicans, but were willing to see the party suffer, rather than support the mayor. This is where the Negro played the part of loyalty, loyal as no other group or class. By his vote on April 5th, he saved the Republicans of the city, seven thousand jobs. He saved the party in the State the danger of defeat two years from now. He saved the National party of much anxiety, four years hence. These are some of the real benefits that came to the Republican party as a result of the Negro's loyalty in a municipal election April 5th.

Aside from the above statement, Mayor Kiel is the man who should appreciate the Negro's vote April 5. As a group we voted for him, almost to the man, and we are not all Republicans either. Now, since we have rendered the mayor such valuable service, and are really responsible for his election, we shall in turn, call upon him to render us some service. Not mere little things, that no one else wants, but some of the things worthwhile.

We have said in these columns before that if the mayor says the word, he can give us a company in the fire department of this city within twenty-four hours. We repeat the charge, and add, that he should do it now, as a matter of right and justice. In supporting Mayor Kiel for the third term we told the people we believed him to be right of heart, and if given the chance he would make good his promises and also do more. By their vote, he has been given the chance, so now Mr. Mayor, we are expecting you to render your promise.

The Defeated Mayoral Candidate

It has been said that the democrats can always be depended on to do the foolish thing at the wrong time. We presume that James W. Byrnes, erstwhile candidate for mayor, believes the above statement as never before. No doubt, he has found out that a concession of \$20,000 votes' mean defeat to one who is so fixated in a party race in a city like St. Louis.

Of course, as we have said before, he meant it for evil, but we would use it for good. We took him at his word, and gave Mayor Kiel our solid support. As a result of which, Kiel is mayor and Byrnes is still a private citizen.

In recalling Mr. Byrnes' statement to the attention of our readers, The Argus showed the kind and calibre of man he is. We also told our readers that he was not big enough to be mayor, because he tried to take into office upon that monster, race-prejudice. We thus exposed his violent and under-hand method of trying to win an office. As a result, the people, both black and white, rebuked him at the polls last Tuesday, just as we suggested.

That the constant injecting of race prejudice into the campaign cost Mr. Byrnes five thousand votes, there is no doubt in our mind. With five thousand more votes to his credit, Mr. Byrnes, you would now be mayor of a great city like St. Louis.

However, we are glad that it happened in this campaign as in the past; that the democrats can always be depended on to do or say the foolish thing at the wrong time.

Southern Justice On Trial

The eyes of the world are focused on Newton, County, Ga., as a white man is on trial for his life, accused of wholesale murder of Negroes in an effort to hide other crimes against the law.

The question that is uppermost in the minds of the public is, will a white jury convict a white man of a capital crime committed against Negroes in the South? While there are some who doubt that a sense of justice will have any effect upon a jury in such a case, yet there are others who believe that the white people of Georgia fully realize the grave responsibility that rests upon them at this time. Not only is justice on trial in Georgia, but because of the character of the crime, for which John Williams is on trial, the justice of the entire South is, in a large measure, involved.

According to testimony presented to the grand jury, which indicted Williams, he is guilty of deliberate, premeditated murder, to hide other crimes committed by himself. The brutal treatment of Negroes will also have some bearing on the case. The system of peonage, as practiced on his farm, will also have a bearing in the case. The standing of the defendant in the community, has its effect in the case.

In the light of the evidence which has so far come to our attention, we are forced to believe that John Williams, a white man, of Jasper County, down in Georgia, will be convicted of a capital crime, yet against the Negroes, but against the peace and dignity of the State of Georgia.

Douglass Life Insurance Co.

It was the pleasure of the Editor of The Argus to call at the office of the Douglass Life Insurance Company, 2305 Market street of this city a few days ago. To see the large spacious offices and the office force working like a beehive, was quite inspiring.

A special feature which was noticeable, was the literature, which bore every evidence of a well thought out plan. The workmanship and design suggested originality and skill. These characteristics and the force of intelligent workers who are directing the company's affairs, bode great success for the Douglass Life Insurance Company of America.

We are proud of the showing made by Dr. George E. Stevens, a candidate for membership on the School Board.

Of course, there were some among us who did not have enough pride over the welfare of our children at heart, to support Rev. Mr. Stevens. This should be expected, for there are those who would not vote for Jesus Christ, if they thought he was colored.

Traitors! Traitors! Why call these traitors who have no pride in betraying? There are many traitors who could not find a dog's right. Their stock in trade is their loud talking on the street corners.

Come let us get one hundred together for a while and see just what we will mean for our advancement. We have tried our hands together, and we find that talking and boasting don't get us far. So, let us try



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DRUGGIST STARTS A FUND TO PAINT THE PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL

With the approval of the Board of Directors of the People's Hospital, Dr. L. Harris is undertaking to paint the walls of the hospital. He made an appeal for a fund of \$1 for this purpose and makes the following report of contributions received to date.

Previously Reported \$75
Ed. Wilkinson, \$5; J. P. Tate, \$1; M. Wied, \$5; E. S. Williams, \$5; Gosholt, \$5; J. E. Mitchell, \$5.00

The contrast has been let and is about to begin. All persons desiring to contribute to this object please mail check to E. L. Harris, 2341 Locust Ave., or Rev. D. R. C. Association.

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South was not promoted by a desire to make a name for himself; he went there because he had a sympathy for the Negro. It claims for him the full liberty, protection of an American citizen.

Harold Spender, another English writer, has changed and burned his bridges. He has written a book, *The Negro Problem*, in which he makes the famous fifteenth argument to the constitution the Negro has been by far the most important of all political rights—and abroad of his civil rights. And throughout the book he is sympathetic with the Negro.

Spender points out that the British have been the only European power to have a large section of the Negro population in America to which we have granted the right of citizenship. He says that the Negroes in America are one of the few groups of people who are not being persecuted by the majority of the population. He says that the Negroes in America are one of the few groups of people who are not being persecuted by the majority of the population.

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black man's complaint. Those who live in the North than think this is a Southern problem. They are nervous. There are Southern states where the Negroes are in the majority; there are states where he is not actually outnumbered.

"All the times the black population has increased, the white population still their ambitions are increasing also. They are no longer content with the status quo. They want more. They want to be equal."

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THE NEW MAN OF LETTERS

By Lucien V. Alexis

Among American men of letters there will soon appear the New Negro. He will be marked by an analytic proclivity directed with execrating effect upon Christianity and democracy. His most irritating characteristic will be a desire to see, to know men, things, and movements as they are—free from the veneer put upon them by an environment dominated by Christianity and democracy.

If in his analysis, based upon the experiences of a people, those two concepts self-sufficient life to Negroes, this new man of letters influences will rally to the cross and the flag that race of men known as devout to ideal, loyal to a cause, and supple to influences of environment. If, however, he finds that those two concepts stand between the Negro and larger life, he will teach the brushing aside of Christianity and democracy for such new concepts as he, in the light of his American experience, may evolve from his environment or as he may arise from the last battles of occidental holocaust and anti-Christianity.

The most terrible weapon, offensive and defensive, of this new man of letters will be his humor, his ever poking fun at black Americans for their impotence in an environment from which other races of men have won so much and at white Americans for their inability to make their practice in religion, government, and life able to their viand theories. Compelled by the experience of the American Negro to the conclusion that neither is Christianity the last word in religion nor democracy the last word in forms of government, this new teacher, while wandering through the lost or neglected literature in Negro life, will chide with laughing, frankness the weakness of a people whose language, religion, barbaric government, and mode of personal life will tell how the African dialect, fetishism, tribal life and tribal independence, gave way to the language, the religion, and the serfdom of America.

Yet, with frankness, non-hostile humor, the New Negro will take of Christianity and democracy why since the African Negro, even though by compulsion, surrenders so completely to them do they break down when black men seek the efficiency of their tenets. Involved in this questioning, which this New man will prompt among his own people, will be the passing of the dominion of white Americans over the thought of black Americans, a dominion which palliates, venerates, and covers, even the breaking of the two master codes. He will teach, preach, write, and sing of desirable human life as life not based on Christianity and democracy or at least as life not based upon Christianity and democracy as per the dictum of white Americans. Taught by the experience of Negroes in America that common language, common religion, common country does not, cannot bind black and white men in brotherhood, the New Negro as man of letters with his characteristic analytic proclivity will quickly grasp and glorify the conclusions concluded by the ways of white Americans: color transcends language, religion, democracy, and country taken singly or combined; men are eternally of two classes, white and black—master and man; Christian and democratic white Americans are determined to look the long, long future on that eternal division.

SOLVING THE NEGRO PROBLEM

The Inter-racial Race Commissions (By Druilla Danjee Houston)

The appointment of these commissions over the South, to study the relations between the races and to help bring them to equitable adjustment, is the most hopeful sign in the history of race-reconciliation of the Negro Problem. Fifty-five years ago the South was forced by the Union to give up her slaves. Had the powerful logic of Clay, Webster and Calhoun been used upon the crying subject of human slavery, this nation today need not be reaping the bitter harvest of hate, because we forced the South to do what she might have been WISE to do. The day has passed for compromise.

The work that Clay, Webster, and Calhoun failed to do lies before us. We need pass no more laws compelling the South to justice, that is not the wisest way. SENTIMENT IS STRONGER THAN LAW. The Inter-Racial Commissions must change sentiment. To day the hearts of not only the South, but of the average American is turned from the Negro by CALUMNY. A spirit of justice can only be won for him by FAITH. The sword of truth is the only weapon given us by the Master.

We have had two extreme views of leadership. Those who would accept half a loaf rather than none at all. Under such guidance we will indeed lose all. Then we have the class who forget the words of Christ, "See that ye RESENT not evil." These would have us treat an AN to white folk. Such a position is not psychological. Let us come down upon the solid ground of human slavery, this nation today cannot cease and consider the real roads upon the ladder of race-building, and when we KNOW them, what power on earth can keep us from going up?

There was an hour, just behind us, when every unit of the Race needed to hammer upon the gates of injustice, to wake the sleeping conscience of America. That work has been well done; but now the leader who does not now realize that this hour calls for more than the past. America is awake to the realization that the Negro occupies the place of serv in this nation. Because she must, she stands waiting for SOLUTIONS of how to lift the Race to the stature of men: ARE WE READY WITH THEM. The hour has struck for the men who can only win over the Negro or the white man's wrongs.

Leadership today calls for constructive men. Every problem must surrender to the mastery of wisdom and perseverance. Will the Inter-racial Commissions be equal to finding the key? The root of all this race trouble lies in the failure of the better type in both races to understand how to reach and lift the deprived classes of either race. As the higher types have failed to find solutions, the lower classes are trying to solve the Negro problem in their own inequitable ways, to the shame of this great nation.

The tragic, picturesque South, desolated by war, and today enslaved by race hate! What more needful thing in this nation than that we try to understand her and that the South learn her fatal points of weakness. Since the war the coarse and unlighted white, has risen to a political and commercial supremacy. Their only mental qualification being power to vilify the Negro. They are the answer for the unjust legislation of the South, ravaging the spirit of the Dark Ages. From the shock of civil strife, the loss of wealth and the errors of reconstruction, the true South has not yet recovered its former position of leadership. In the restoration of home and fortune, the most forceful characters of the best South for a generation have neglected civic duty. The man in the Negro race who cannot see the problem in the light of this suffering has not the breadth for real leadership. Ignorance and error today alone temper with this, the nation's racial and dynamic problem, when the best minds of America can solve it.

Until the South grants to the Negro his blood bought rights, she shall not herself be free.

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"Why America Should Be Proud Of The Negro"

By William Pickens

We heard this subject discussed recently by one of the star graduates at a Colored High School commencement in the South. High school gradings of any race anywhere in the South are the only ones that are not attended by a large number of colored people. The speaker, a young man of color, said that the colored people are proud of the fact that they are the only race in the world that has a high school in every state.

The Colored graduates were wonderful; they were bright and witty and showed a disposition to naturalness. But every one of the orators delivered by these graduates showed that the hands of their superiors had helped to shape them, and that those master hands had been guided more by consignment of that part of the audience which numbered fifty than by any regard of that part of the audience which numbered two thousand. This is a visible pity; it fettered the naturalness and curbed the power of these children.

Finally the valedictorian, as a sort of star witness, came on with a carefully denatured nation on this subject: "Why America Should Be Proud of the Negro." The child was a good speaker; and his hands, but they had been channelled into narrow channels. We will give here, from memory some of the points made in the speech, because they have stuck, not so much in our memory as in our ears. In the parenthesis we simply indicate our mental comment at the time. The orator summed up:

1. "Because he is not a revolutionist!" (George Washington and Thomas Jefferson)
2. "Because he does not rebel!" (General Lee and Jefferson Davis)
3. "Because he is not an agitator!" (Susan B. Anthony and the Abolitionists)
4. "Because he believes in the goodness of labor!" (Thomas Edison and all other inventors, why try to make machines do the work?)
5. "Because he does not doubt or fret or worry!" (Robert Browning and Rabindranath Tagore)
6. "Because he never believes in force!" (Woodrow Wilson and love, love to the utmost?)
7. "Because he believes in racial integrity!" (Three million niggers)
8. "Because he lives by the sweat of his brow!" (Jews and Gentiles)
9. "Because he is not a radical!" (Jesus Christ)

And the President of the Schoolboard spoke approvingly, the Colored principal looked safe, and the white fifty clapped and nodded approvingly, and the colored audience—talked for weeks after wards.

THEY CAME TO SLAY

A short while since, at Clyde, Georgia, Negro possumen went to the town jail for the particular purpose to lynch one of their race who was charged with the crime of rape. A young Colored girl was the victim. A criminal violation of womanhood is met with summary punishment in the Southland. This punishment generally assumes the form of a public hanging. It was met, therefore, that the Colored men of Clyde, Georgia, should visit the jail, take out the culprit, and him to the nearest tree and give him a quick passage to the land from whose home no traveler returns.

It was a short step from resolution to action. To this was added the sensitively adjusted moral temper of the white citizens of Clyde. Lynching was the handy legal instrument brought out, armed and oiled, in its common instances wherever Negroes were charged with the crime of rape by the whites all over Georgia. Logic, being logic, what better thing to do than go to the jail, apprehend the culprit, then off to the nearest tree and "cut up" like white folks? But the better nature of the Race began to assert itself immediately following the giving over of the culprit to the outraged possumen. The regularly scheduled custodian of the due processes of law, the Sheriff Sumner, in the crowd was foolishly enough to suggest prayer as a fitting prelude to the main feature of the evening's program. Then it was that the gun pointed fire. A prayer must be recited, reflection suggested mercy, and mercy saved the culprit.

The crime of rape, wherever it is legally determined, should be followed by the extreme penalties provided by the law. Black and white should suffer alike. To the woman black for white. And yet in the Clyde case we are made than glad that "They who came to slay remained to pray." Faith and work will yet save the nation.

RENT REMEDY

The question of rent has become a serious problem. Negroes in the big cities have been called upon to wrestle with its exactions and they have come out of the struggle much the worse for bettering, and life-racking wear.

Suggestions for remedy have come fast and furious. Something of a solution presents itself in the organization of really companies in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and other large cities with the fixed purpose of providing their increasing Colored population with adequate housing conditions. Still, the relief in this respect is not substantial. The shoe continues to pinch.

Neither has the outright purchasing of residential property by individuals done very much to relieve the high rent pressure. "The Exodus" was sudden, overwhelming, convincing. It squeezed the land native out of communities that hitherto were not unkindly disposed toward our race. The results were that rents and our nature went skyward and sullenly refused to budge from the heights.

But, incidentally, a remedy of some sort must be offered in the hope that this really heavy burden may be lifted from the economic shoulders of the Race in the large cities. More, the social pre-conceptions of many places are being strained to the breaking point and untoward friction has assumed sinister aspects as a result. Hence, the more immediate need for a remedy that will work.

The purchasing of suburban sites and the erection thereon of reasonably priced and comfortable homes with pleasant surroundings, may help to settle the difficulty. Complaint is various and vexing of the evil effects of crowded living conditions prevailing in the large cities among the Colored elements. This would be a step this side of "Back-to-the-farm" pleas and yet would be close enough to the healthier natural tendencies of large city life to make life bearable to the following amongst us, who have a deep-rooted aversion to living in the crowd.

Anyhow a plan like the one we are offering, would reduce rents because it would reduce the demand for homes for our people in the congested districts of the big cities.

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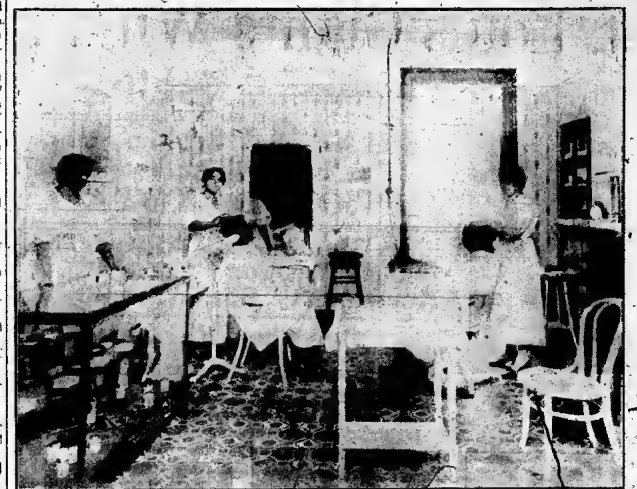
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Classic Program Rendered At Hampton

The Associated Negro Press (A.N.P.) on March 22, 1921, presented a program of plays and music at Hampton, Virginia. The program was presented by the Hampton Institute. The plays were "The Sign of the Cross" and "The Sign of the Cross." The music was "The Sign of the Cross." The program was a great success and the audience was very large.

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